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Dear Dr. Henney:

The staff members of the FDA must surely be aware of the growing concern among Americans about the safety of our food supply, and particularly about the chickens, pigs and cattle which have been given antibiotics to increase their growth. These antibiotics should be used sparingly, solely to cure diseases.

Why is it that the European Community is ahead of us in recognizing the dangers inherent in overuse of products that have been linked to the emergence of antibiotic-resistant diseases? The Centers for Disease Control have indicated a concern about the problem. Is your agency not in touch with those scientists?

I do hope that the FDA will not let the corporate agriculture CEOs dictate policy in this very touchy issue. Please move quickly on it. Many of us feel there is no time to waste.

Sincerely,

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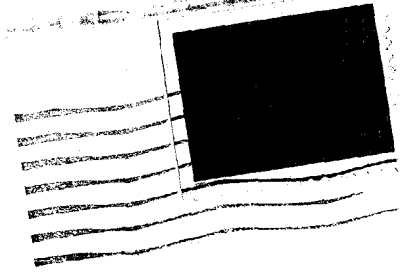
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